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Dear Mr Schardt,

PM 1475 NORWEGIAN PATENT APPLICATION NO: 910355
OUR FILE: 31788

I enclose a copy of an official action which has issued from The Norwegian Patent Office. A reply is due to be filed by 18 April 1993 and I would like to be able to instruct our Norwegian associates no later than the end of January 1993.

The examiner appears to have misunderstood the invention as he has observed that the claims are identical with those of application 905151 (PM 1337). The difference between the two cases is, of course, that PM 1337 deals with the situation where flavor is relieved without combustion of the flavor generating medium whereas PM 1475, this application, deals with the case where there is combustion.

Because of this misunderstanding the examiner has simply repeated the objection raised in respect of application 905151, PM 1337. This has been reported to you in a letter of even date and I would again ask you for comments on the relevance of the three cited documents, EP-A-358002, US 4848376 and US 4846199 to the claims of this application.

The remaining objections are all directed to the dependent claims and we can deal with these without your specific instructions.

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